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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING OF JUNE 14

REF: CAPE TOWN 1181

1. THE CONTACT GROUP MET BRIEFLY PM JUNE 14 TO CONSIDER
THE AVAILABLE BRITISH, CANADIAN, AND FRENCH REPORTS ON
THE DISCUSSION OF NAMIBIA HELD BY THE FIVE FOREIGN
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MINISTERS EARLIER THAT SAME DAY IN PARIS. DURING THE
CONTACT GROUP MEETING THE BRITISH STATED THAT THEY HAD
BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK CONTACT GROUP AGREEMENT BEFORE
CLOSE OF BUSINESS TO A DRAFT MESSAGE TO TANZANIAN PRESI-
DENT NYERERE INFORMING HIM THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS
HAD DECIDED THAT THE CONTACT GROUP SHOULD TRAVEL TO
LUANDA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO MEET WITH NUJOMA. WE

REPLIED THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF A U.S. REPORT OF THE PARIS MEETING, WE COULD HARDLY AGREE TO SUCH A MESSAGE. THE GERMANS ALSO HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO AGREE TO ANY CONTACT GROUP ACTION WITHOUT FIRST GETTING A FULL BRIEFING ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING FROM AMBASSADOR MCHENRY, THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE CONTACT GROUP TO ATTEND THE PARIS DISCUSSION. (AMBASSADOR MCHENRY RETURNS TO NEW YORK THIS EVENING -- JUNE 14.) IN AN EFFORT TO ADDRESS THE BRITISH CONCERN FOR HASTE, HOWEVER, THE GROUP DID AGREE THAT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN DAR ES SALAAM COULD INFORM THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THEY COULD EXPECT A MESSAGE FROM THE FIVE SHORTLY. THE GROUP WILL RECONVENE AT 0900 JUNE 15.

2. WITH REGARD TO PRESS REPORT (REFTEL) THAT SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA WILL BE TRAVELLING TO NEW YORK LATER THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT, WE CONTACTED SWAPO UN REPRESENTATIVE GURIRAB. HE INFORMED US THAT HE HAD SEEN A SIMILAR NEWS STORY BUT THAT HE KNEW NOTHING OF ANY SUCH PLANS. HE SAID THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THAT, IF NUJOMA WERE PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, HE (GURIRAB) WOULD KNOW ABOUT IT BY NOW. ACCORDING TO GURIRAB, NUJOMA IS STILL IN LUANDA. LEONARD

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